Groups to Perform in Housekeepers Benefit

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You won't witness any vehement protests or demonstrations tonight in support of the UNC housekeepers. Instead, campus organizations will show their support by performing in the second annual benefit concert for housekeepers, sponsored by Students for the Advancement of Racial **SARR Benefit**

The perfor-nance will fea-**Concert for UNC** Housekeepers 7:30 p.m. today Hanes Art Center ture several University organiza-tions "in an at-

tempt to foster | Auditorium cultural diversity and support the UNC housekeepers," ac-cording to SARR co-chairman Marc Craighead

Craighead. Groups scheduled to perform are Tar Heel Voices, ModernExtension, Sangam, Carolina Hispanic Student Association, BSM Gospel Choir and Ebony Readers. Craighead also hopes to include a speech from a representative of the UNC Housekeepers Association. Craighead said that bringing together a

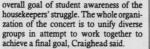
diverse collection of students as well as groups from different cultural organiza-tions would enable SARR to reach an

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FROM PAGE 1 Hitchcock said that athletes should be vocal with their personal opinions



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auton of the content is to uning interse-groups in attempt to work together to achieve a final goal, Craighead said. BSM choir member Theresa Avery ex-plained that the "choir is genuinely inter-ested in helping the housekeepers' cause." She said choir president Tracy Cameron crue housekeepers feast tickets for their fall gave housekeepers free tickets for their fall

"The situation has gotten to the point at which, more than ever, the housekeepers need student support," he said. "It is neces-sary to unify forces so we can push for the housekeepers' goals."

The main goal of the housekeepers' plight for equality is to increase the housekeepers' starting salary to above poverty level and to provide opportunities for edu-cational advancement, Craighead said. He said the benefit was extremely im-

portant to the future success and the deliverance of the housekeepers' goals.

"The entire nation is watching what the University does. We really need to continue to lead in the area of racial justice,' he said All proceeds of the concert will go to

the UNC Housekeepers Association. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Hanes Art Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

"If it's just yelling or screaming, then there's no reason for those players to get involved," he said. "But if it's something that the player believes in and supports, then definitely they should speak out. Players have a lot of say-so in the community, simply because they're athletes. They're very accessible to the media."

The fear of public disapproval may dis-courage professional athlete's from expressonal views, Hitchcock said.

them don't get involved—they're afraid of hurting their public image, or they're afraid they might lose a dollar from this or that

Todd Scofield puts on a primer coat Tuesday above the entrance of Playmakers Theatre. The building was being prepared for a new coat of paint.

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endorsement." he said. "But if you stand up for what you believe in, a lot of people

will see you as a man." One issue he hopes to promote more thoroughly is payment for college athletes.

"I think players would agree we can't work, we can't get any kind of funds," Hitchcock said. "Players coming from such areas as the ghetto or from small rural areas have no access to money. People don't know that there are athletes that have no money. They think we're treated like kings

standing BCC had been approved by the

University's Board of Trustees, he hoped

on campus would persist for a while. "There's something about racial controversy that people like to cling on to," he said. "People will always be able to spark up and get interested in any controversy

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to do more positive work with the BCC, such as fund raising. "If there's anything negative, I won't be involved," he said. But despite the success of the student movement for the free-standing building,

involving race. We can only control what's ahead, and what's ahead of us is a positive

thing called the black cultural center.'



she was willing to accept her mistake for providing false information about her class but added that she planned to enroll today in a history class for the spring semester. "I do know I shouldn't have done what

I did," she said. "It wasn't as though I was trying to mislead the public. It took a lot of

trying to mislead the public. It took a lot of hard work to get where I am. "I haven't done anything. It was poor judgment on my part. This is something that will ruin me the rest of my life." Although the registrar's office had no record of her, Burnette said she had taken classes through the evening college and through the Continuing Education Pro-gram. She added that she had not planned to enroll in a class next semester in order to to enroll in a class next semester in order to find a job, buy a car and provide some income for her child.

"But right now, I feel obligated to go ahead and take a class," she said. "I might take two.'

Burnette denied that she had run her Burnette denied that she had run her campaign stressing her status as a UNC student. But in February, when she an-nounced her plan to run for school board, she had said she hoped that being a parent

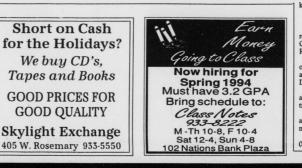
and a UNC student would make her espe-cially qualified for the position. "Running for school board and being a part of UNC has never been a part of my platform of mine," Burnette said Wednesday night. "It never came up during the campaign."

But one of her campaign fliers states, "(LaVonda Burnette) is a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, and she takes classes through the evening col-lege at UNC-Chapel Hill."

Hitchcock hopes to follow in the foot-steps of Walker, a senior All-American and NFL prospect who also began a successful career as a junior filling in for an injured starter

"I definitely think I'll have a chance to play pro ball," Hitchcock said. Whether he goes pro or not, Hitchcock said he still planned to be involved with

social issues "I will definitely play an active role in the community doing something with the youth," he said. "I'll dedicate my life and my soul to helping those kids in the community become successful."



Burnette said she had only told Chapel Hill and Carrboro voters that she was en-rolled part-time. She said that she gave the wrong information concerning her TA's name because she had been receiving prank phone calls.

"I didn't want to get anyone in trouble," she said. "Jeff Jones does not exist. The information I gave you — I made a mistake, and I never should have given you the "I just felt that there was someone out

there who wants to get LaVonda Burnette. Due to the phone calls and the threats, I just felt I couldn't tell you."

Burnette said she did not want to get anyone involved in her mistake. "I've been giving you the runaround in some sense," she said. "I have someone who desperately wants to get me. I have proof that someone is after me

Burnette said she had received about 10 harassing phone calls since Tuesday. She also had received anonymous hate mail, she said

"It really disturbs me that someone would do this," she said. "It's frightening."

Calls ranged from racial slurs to accusa-tions of being a "gay-lover," Burnette said. "A few callers have said, 'I hope you get what you deserve.'" Burnette said her primary concern was

protecting herself and her 6-year-old daugh-ter, Brittany. "I have lived here since birth, and I have never known this to happen to anyone until now," she said. Putting Children First had criticized

Burnette during her campaign for her sup-port of the inclusion of sexual orientation in the school system's multicultural plan. Burnette said the harassment had gone beyond the multicultural issue.

"There's something strange here. Why me? Nobody else who supports the plan is getting hate mail," she said. "I'm scared out of my wits. I haven't done anything to harm anyone

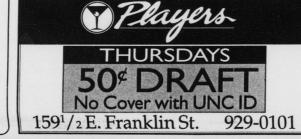
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Campus Calendar

THURSDAY 5:45 p.m. The Baptist Student Union will meet for a Christmas program and a meal. 7 p.m. UNC International Folk Dancers will meat in the Womer's Curr meet in the Women's Gym. 8 p.m. N.C. Hillel invites everyone to a Hanuk kah party for Russian Jewish families.

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